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SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 9th July, 2025

No.18660–SME-EL2-EL2-0015/2025/SME.– In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 38 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (35 of 2009), the State Government do hereby make the following rules further to amend the Odisha Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2010, namely:-

1. Shot title and commencement:- (1) These rules may be called the Odisha Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. In the Odisha Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2010, after rule-14, the following rule shall be inserted, namely: -

"14 A. Manner and conditions subject to which a child may be held back - (1) There shall be a regular examination in the fifth class and in the eighth class at the end of every academic year.

(2) If a child fails in the examination referred to in sub-rule (1), he shall be given additional instruction and granted opportunity for re-examination within a period of two months from the date of declaration of the result.

(3) If the child appearing in the re-examination referred to in sub-rule (2), fails to fulfil the promotion criteria again, he shall he held back in fifth class or eighth class, as the case may be.

(4) No child shall be expelled from any school till the completion of elementary education."

By Order of the Governor

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